cable network are required to adhere to these codes in accordance with Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Under Section 19 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, DM, SDM or Commissioner of Police or any other officer notified in the official gazette by the Central Government or State are the "Authorised Officers" to take action for violation of these Codes.

The Committee is to be headed by the District Magistrate/Police Commissioner and it comprises of SP, District Public Relation and Information Officer, Principal of local Women's College/Girls' School, academicians/psychologist/sociologist and representatives of NGOs working in the field of women's welfare etc. to be nominated by the DM. The term of the members is for two years. The Committee is expected to review and deliberate on complaints received by the Authorised Officer *(i.e.* DM/SDM/Commissioner of Police) or take *suo-moto* notice on violation of Programme and Advertising Codes in the programmes transmitted/retransmitted in the local cable channels and recommend to the Authorised Officer on the action to be taken.

Prasar Bharati Corporation

527. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prasar Bharati Corporation was constituted more than a decade ago;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Corporation has not become economically independent despite making various efforts during the said period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Prasar Bharati was established with effect from 23.11.1997 under the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990.

(c) and (d) The Prasar Bharati has taken many major steps for improving its financial position and it is improving gradually. However it is not possible for Prasar Bharati to attain financial independence in the near future and a substantial part of its budget is being funded by the Government. New avenues for resource mobilization are being vigorously pursued.

Proposal for Media Commission

528. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered a proposal to set up a Media Commission;

(b) if so, whether a Group of Ministers has been set up to examine the proposal to revive the existing up-linking policy;

(c) whether at present there are 14 free to air private channels on Doordarshan;

(d) if so, by when the Group of Ministers is likely to submit its recommendations; and

(e) by when Government are likely to set up the Media Commission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The proposal and its various aspects are under examination.

(b) The Government, on 5.7.2005, constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine the proposal for Review of Uplinking Policy and to finalize its recommendations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The GoM has since furnished its recommendations, which were approved by Union Cabinet on 20.10.2005.

(e) As stated in reply to part (a) above.